

HUMOR OF THE DAY

Park—Wait a minute. I want to stop in this store and order a set of encyclopedias.

Wood—What in the world do you want with a lot of books like that?

Park—I like to have something to read while I am waiting for my wife to get ready when we go out.—*Youngtown Telegram.*

Friend—What is your baby going to be when he grows up?

Financier—A blackmailer, I'm afraid. We have to give him something every little while to keep him quiet.—*Boston Transcript.*

Honesty labels itself without blushing.

A strong heart helps weak legs.

Even a mole has a system of getting up in the world.

The best a man can do is the least he should try.—*Richmond Times Dispatch.*

Visitor—Are those bears carnivorous?

Attendant—They was when they were brought up here, num, but I've cleaned 'em all up with insect powder.—*Exchange.*

Mrs. Grammercy—So you wouldn't lose your servant for the world? Is it as hard as all that to get another?

Mrs. Park—That isn't the reason, my dear. You see she has a knack of breaking only the things I'm tired of seeing around the house.—*New York Sun.*

"Do you believe in heredity?"

"I certainly do. Why, my youngster is always trying to get his toes in his mouth. That's because his old man has been trying so hard for years to make both ends meet."—*New York Sun.*

"What makes Tinker carry such a big

wad of bills every time he goes out in his car at night?"

"The stick-up men told him if he didn't have plenty of money next time they held him up, they'd shoot him."—*American Legion Weekly.*

"I don't understand that new woman next door," remarked Mrs. Gadder.

"What's the trouble?"

"She calls herself a sealer after the truth. I've told her everything I know about the people around here, but she doesn't seem to be the least bit interested."—*Birmingham Age-Herald.*

A fashionable woman who, to save expenses, collected her own rents, found one of the tenants in a bad humor. She thought it wise to forestall his complaints by making one or two herself.

"And the kitchen, Mr. Holt," she said, "is in a terrible condition."

"Yes, ma'am, it is," agreed Mr. Holt, "and you'd look the same if you hadn't any paint on your face for six years."—*Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.*

Rob—"And when I kissed her I smelled tobacco."

Bob—"You object to a woman who smokes?"

"No; but she doesn't smoke."—*London Answer.*

"Can you gaze at these lofty, snow-capped peaks and not be thrilled by nature's handiwork?"

"Not a thrill," replied the practical person. "What good is a mountain without hotel on it?"—*Birmingham Age-Herald.*

English paper—The concert was as immense success. . . . Our especial thanks are due to the vicar's daughter who labored hard at the piano, which as usual fell upon her.—*Boston Transcript.*

Egyptians cut their granite monuments with copper chisels.

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South America and Africa were connected by land in the geological past, some scientists say.

Reports from Germany indicate that a great development has taken place in recent years in the utilization of compressed air locomotives in mines.

With 5 per cent. of the population of the United States, New York city produces in excess of one-twelfth of all the goods manufactured in the country.

Decayed teeth, a sign of toothache, have been found in a skull thousands of years old, thus proving that this ailment is not a modern one due to civilization.

The Bhambardara irrigation dam, near Kadi, India, which will soon be completed, will be 770 feet high, storing the greatest depth of water of any dam in the world.

Explorers of the Brazilian wilds have reported finding monkeys showing clear traces of having suffered from smallpox, says a message from Rio de Janeiro, George Clarke Hayes, an expert on life in the Brazilian forests, points out that animals and insects should not carry smallpox germs from human victims to their animal cousins.—*New York Times.*

As illustrating the instability of the Austrian crown since it has fallen to about 75,000 for \$1, Vienna papers tell how a diner in an Innsbruck restaurant who protested at being charged 3,500 crowns for a portion of goulash that was listed at 2,500 on the bill of fare was notified by the waiter's expression that the crown's exchange value had dropped that much during the meal.—*New York Times.*

An improved X-ray glass, described in Popular Mechanics Magazine, has a tilting table that can either be changed quickly by hand to any position

besides the horizontal and vertical, or slowly moved by an electric motor, while a diagnosis is being made. The moving parts are counter-balanced regardless of angle. A 15,000-volt transformer supplies a radiographic tube above the table, the holder of which is universally adjustable and indicates the accurate placing of the tube. The apparatus is equipped with an automatic plate-changing device.

In the southeast corner of Minnesota are situated the famous Indian "pigeon" quarries, the scene of much of Longfellow's poem, Hiawatha. Years ago, says Amy Relfe Emerson, in the Mentor Magazine, thousands of Indians and many tourists came yearly to the quarries—the Indians to dig the soft red stone from which peace pipes are carved, and the tourists to see the grooved moose carved to the Indian. The people of the town of Pipestone have permitted blasting to be done in the quarries, and a drainage ditch to empty into Winnebago falls, says the writer. Few visit the quarries today.

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